

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 is respectfully requested. Claims 2, 13-14, 18, 31, 40 and 41 are amended. Claims 1, 12, 19-30, 34 and 42 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter. Claims 2, 13, 14, 18, 31, 40, and 41 are amended, and claims 2-11, 13-18, 31-33, and 35-41 are pending in the application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application to continue prosecution of canceled claims 1, 12, 19-30, 34 and 42.

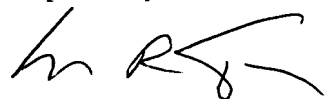
Claims 2, 14, 18, and 31 have been rewritten in independent form in view of the indication of allowable subject matter in pending claims 2-11, 14-18, 20-22, 24-27, 29, 31-33, and 35-39. Hence, it is believed the pending claims are in allowable form.

The foregoing renders moot the rejection of claims 1, 12-13, 19, 30 and 40-42 under 35 USC §103.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such as Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-1130, under Order No. 95-451, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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